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SUBJECT: SINAI FIELD MISSION STATUS REPORT AS OF COB 3 FEB

1. RCM-SFM 5-05

A. FACILITIES: BASIC STRUCTURE USG ADMIN. BUILDING COMPLETED AND OCCUPIED TEMPORARILY AS ADDITIONAL BILLETING SPACE. STRUCTURE IS 28 FT. WIDE BY 54 FT. LONG. PLAN TO PARTITION 14 FT. FOR DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

AND QUARTERS WHICH WILL INCLUDE BATHROOM FACILITIES. DECK FOR KITCHEN ADDITION TO MESS HALL HAS BEEN INSTALLED AND WILL BEGIN ERECTION OF PANEL A. M. 4 FEB. THIS EXTENSION WILL BE 28 FT. BY 52 FT. LONG AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY P.M. 4 FEB. COOKING AND MESSING FACILITIES HAVE BEEN LIMITED AND WITH OUR GROWING POPULATION THESE ARE SORELY NEEDED. FOLLOWING COMPLETION MESS HALL NOW PLAN TO CONSTRUCT TWO BARRACKS OR WE WILL BE BACK UNDER STARS. ALSO PLAN TO ERECT WAREHOUSE ASAP TO HOLD PERISHABLE AND UNPROTECTED ELECTRONIC ITEMS. WATER PATH TO ISRAELI LINE COMPLETE AND SUPPLIED PIPE HAS BEEN LAID UNDER ROAD WITH GATE VALVE ON BOTH SIDES. STANDS FOR WATER TANKS ARE IN PLACE AND EXPECT HOOKUP ON 4 FEB. SCHILL/LARSEN RAISED QUESTION OF QUANTITY WATER AVAILABLE AFTER 22 FEB. WITH IDF IN MEETING ON 3 FEB. AND ASKED THAT MORE ACCURATE DETERMINATION BE MADE AS TO AVAILABILITY AFTER 22 FEB. GIVEN DECREASE IN ISRAELI

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DEMAND AND POSSIBLE INCREASE IN UN REQUIREMENTS ON EXISTING LINE.

WILL REPORT IN DETAIL ASAP. SANITATION REMAINS A PROBLEM AND WILL RECEIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION. FLIES HAVE BEEN MAJOR PROBLEM, BUT SPRAY AND GLANDULAR INSECTICIDES APPEAR TO BE WORKING. THIS WILL REQUIRE CONSTANT ATTENTION.

B. COMMUNICATIONS: COMMO TESTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND WILL FORWARD RESULTS WHEN AVAILABLE. HAVE ESTABLISHED SOLID CONTACT WITH BOTH ISMAILIA AND TEL AVIV BUT HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO COPY CAIRO. COMMUNICATIONS CONVOY DEPARTED TEL AVIV 1300 HRS. 3 FEB FOR BASE SITE. ARRIVED BASE SITE 2300 HOURS.

C. WATCH STATION: NEGATIVE

D. SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS: NEGATIVE

E. FISCAL: NEGATIVE

F. PERSONNEL: TOTAL 58. USG- 3; E-SYSTEMS - 16; ZACHRY - 39.

G. MISCELLANEOUS: WINDS ON NIGHT OF 2 FEB. APPROACHED GALE FORCE, WITH ACCOMPANYING DUST AND SAND. TWO BUILDINGS AT BASE CAMP AND WATCH STATION AT GIDDI EAST WITHSTOOD WINDS SATISFACTORILY, ALTHOUGH DUST IS CONSTANT PROBLEM WITH ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT.

2. TWO ADDITIONAL CARGO FLIGHTS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE TEL AVIV 8 AND 18 FEB.

3. SCHILL/LARSEN MET WITH IDF ON 3 FEB. AND DISCUSSED MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON WATER AVAILABILITY, STATUS OF CUSTOMS AGREEMENT FOR SFM DUTY FREE PURCHASES, AND POSSIBLE QUARTERING/MESSING ARRANGEMENT FOR SFM LO AT J-1 AFTER 22 FEB. COL. LEVINSON ALSO ADDED THAT FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES THERE WOULD BE A DOCTOR FULL TIME AT J-1 UPON WHOM WE COULD CALL. DUNNIGAN

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